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Department of Immigration and Citizenship – updated visitor visa activity table (p.6 DIAC submission)

Visitor Visa Approval Rate				
Citizenship	Year	Applications	Approvals	Approval rate (%)
Malaysia (All Visitor Visas)	2003-2004	147,778	147,340	99.92
	2004-2005	139,061	138,688	99.90
	2005-2006	121,582	121,216	99.94
Malaysia (Short Stay Business Visitor Visas Only) (a)	2003-2004	7,333	7,309	99.67
	2004-2005	7,836	7,810	99.67
	2005-2006	9,445	9,420	99.73
Global Total (for ETA Visitor Visas)	2003-2004	2,886,817	2,884,597	99.99
	2004-2005	2,971,704	2,969,903	99.98
	2005-2006	2,904,485	2,902,249	99.99
Global Total (for ALL Visitor Visas)	2003-2004	3,540,144	3,461,918	98.40
	2004-2005	3,655,560	3,589,947	98.50
	2005-2006	3,621,874	3,563,372	98.69

Note: Not all applications are decided in the program year that they are received.

(a) includes subclasses 456 (Business Short Stay), 956 (Electronic Travel Authority Business Entrant - Long Validity) and 977(Electronic Travel Authority Business Entrant - Short Validity)